



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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#### **Meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will meet the new Assistant Administrator for Fisheries and hear Administration priorities. They will also discuss building resilient fisheries, the seafood sector, and coastal communities reliant on marine resources; the Subcommittee on Aquaculture strategic plans; and climate science and the Next-Gen Data Acquisition Plan. Status updates will be provided on the fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget outlook, operations, facilities, and workforce management issues, as well as progress reports from MAFAC's Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force and planning for the 2022 Recreational Fisheries Summit.

**DATES:** The meeting will be October 12, 13, and 14, 2021 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting is by webinar and teleconference.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the

responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The MAFAC charter and summaries of prior MAFAC meetings are located online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/partners#marine-fisheries-advisory-committee>.

### **Matters To Be Considered**

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### **Time and Date**

The meeting is scheduled for October 12, 13, and 14, 2021 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Eastern Time by webinar and conference call. Access information for the public will be posted at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partners/marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-meeting-materials-and-summaries> by October 4, 2021.

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